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For: Method of detaching microorganisms from, or of inhibiting microbial attachment to, animal or poultry carcasses or seafood or parts thereof

AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated 6 January 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-12 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please add the following new claims:

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13. A method of detaching microorganisms from, or of inhibiting microbial attachment to, animal or poultry carcasses or seafood or parts thereof, said method consisting of contacting animal or poultry carcasses or seafood or parts thereof at least once with at least one member of the group consisting of (i) a polysulfated polysaccharide, (ii) carboxymethyl cellulose, (iii)



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Enclosed is a response to an Office Action. Entry of said response is respectfully requested.

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☒ search of post-1976 patents on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office website showing that 247 patents contain the term "Tween" in their claims (1page);

☒ copy of U.S. Patent 6,651,112 (5 pages);

☒ definitions of "heparan sulfate" and "heparin" from Stedman's Medical Dictionary, 25th Edition, Williams and Wilkins, 1990, Baltimore (1 page);

☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, and copy of U.S. Patent 6,126,961 (11 pages); and

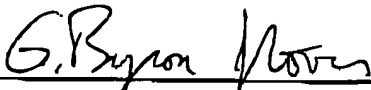
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